

SENATE BILL 3390

By Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 7 and Title 67, Chapter 4, relative to ensuring future generations enjoy Tennessee's lands and waters through stabilization of the Tennessee heritage conservation trust fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-7-104, is amended by deleting current subsection (b) and adding the following language as a new subsection (b):

(b) The board shall consist of thirteen (13) members.

(1) Eleven (11) trustees shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by each house of the general assembly, but appointments shall be effective until adversely acted upon by the general assembly.

(2) One (1) trustee shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate.

(3) One (1) trustee shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(4) Persons appointed to the board shall include persons knowledgeable in the areas of land acquisition, management, conservation and protection.

(5) The membership of the board shall appropriately reflect the racial and geographic diversity of this state. At no time shall the membership of the board be composed of more than five (5) members who reside in any one (1) of the grand divisions of the state, as defined in title 4, chapter 1, part 2.

(6) The commissioner of environment and conservation, the commissioner of agriculture, and the executive director of the wildlife resources agency, or their designees, shall serve as ex officio, non-voting members of the

board.

(7) The governor shall appoint a board chair from the membership of the board. Other officers shall be selected as provided in the bylaws of the fund.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.